

Armageddon and the Promised Land

Revelation 19:6-20:6

Introduction:

A. Armageddon

1. A Hollywood term that means the e_____ of the world.
2. A biblical term that refers to the name of the p_____ where the great battle takes place in the *great Day of God, the Almighty* (Rev 16:16)
 - a. The world does not end after this battle.
 - b. A new e_____ begins on this earth after this battle.

B. Today's study will focus on:

1. The battle of Armageddon
2. The Promised Land
3. How it all relates to believers and unbelievers

C. Rev 19:1-6

1. The first three hallelujah choruses are sung by what sounded like a multitude in h_____ about God's judgment on ancient Rome (fulfilled in 410 A.D.)
2. The last hallelujah chorus (v. 9) is sung by a different group praising the Lord:
 - That the Almighty now r_____
 - That the Lamb has c_____ and His bride has made herself ready.

D. Rev 19:7-21 is about the second coming of Christ

1. Described as a m_____ with a supper (vv 7-9)
2. Described as a w_____ with a supper (vv 11-21)

All believers – present at Armageddon (19:7-10)

A. The marriage of the Lamb is pictured as the u_____ of God's people with Jesus Christ.

1. When Christ comes, He will make all believers of all time p_____ in spirit, soul, and body (1Thess 5:23,24; Phil 1:6)
2. All believers will perfectly conformed to the i_____ of God (Rom 8:29; 1Jn 3:2).
3. Believers together are described as Christ's b_____ (a common metaphor used elsewhere in the Bible)
 - a. God is a h_____ to Israel (Jer 31:32; Hosea).
 - b. The c_____ is called the bride of Christ (Matt 9:15; 25:1-13; 2 Cor 11:2; Eph 5:23-25).

B. The clothing of the bride and the armies

1. The bride (v 8) – fine linen, bright and clean which is explained to symbolize the righteous a_____ of saints (believers)
2. The armies (v 14) – fine linen, bright and clean

- a. The bride and the armies are the same group
- b. At Christ's coming
 - 1) He comes with the d_____ saints (1Thess 4:14-16)
 - 2) He comes for the l_____ saints (1Thess 4:17)
 - 3) He unites all believers of all time in the air which is termed:
The resurrection to eternal life (Jn 5:29)
The purchase of the firstfruits and the harvest of the earth (Rev 14:4,5,15), and
The first resurrection (Rev 20:5,6).
 - 4) He brings the r_____ of the false prophet to an end (2Thess 2:8; Rev 19:20).

All believers – serving at the promised land (19:11-20:6)

- A. The rider on the white horse is obviously Jesus Christ
 1. He is called faithful and t_____ (v. 11 - compare Rev 3:14)
 2. He is called the W_____ of God (v. 13 – compare Jn 1:1)
 3. He is called the K_____ of kings and the Lord of Lords (v. 16 – compare Rev 17:14),
 4. He has eyes like a flame of f_____ (v. 12 – compare Rev 1:14)
 5. He has a sharp s_____ coming out of His mouth (v. 15 – compare Rev 1:16).
- B. The war
 1. The beast and the kings of the earth and their a_____ are assembled to war against Jesus and His a_____ who are in the air (v 19)
 2. The kings and their armies are slaughtered and become f_____ for vultures (v. 21)
 3. The place of this battle was given in Rev 16:14-16 as being Armageddon, which means M_____ Megiddo.
- C. After the war, Jesus and his armies (all believers) will land on Mt. Zion (Rev 14:1)
 1. Ps 48:2 – Mt.Zion is called the city of G_____
 2. Is 18:18 – Mt Zion is called the dwelling place of the Lord.
 3. Is 24:23 – Mt. Zion is the place from which the Lord of Hosts (i.e. armies) will r_____
- D. The Promised Land
 1. Gen 12:7 - God made a covenant with Abraham and said: *To your descendants, I will give this land.* (see also Gen 13:14).
 - a. Are Abraham's descendants his physical descendants?
 - 1) Abraham died possessing a small part of the land.
 - 2) Those enslaved in E_____ never possessed any of the land.

- 3) God promised Abraham in Gen 17 that he would be the father of m_____ nations, be God to His descendants, and would give ALL the land of Canaan to him and his descendants.
- b. Are they his spiritual descendants?
 - 1) Jesus told many Jews that they were not true c_____ of Abraham (Jn 8:39)
 - 2) Rom 9:7,8 states that being a physical descendant of Abraham does not make one a descendant. Gal 5:29 states that all who trust Christ regardless of their physical ancestry are descendants of Abraham and h_____ according to the promise.
 - 3) Abraham becomes the father of many nations as believers from every tribe, tongue, nation, and class come to Christ and become heirs of the promise.

2. The Promised Land is promised to believers only.

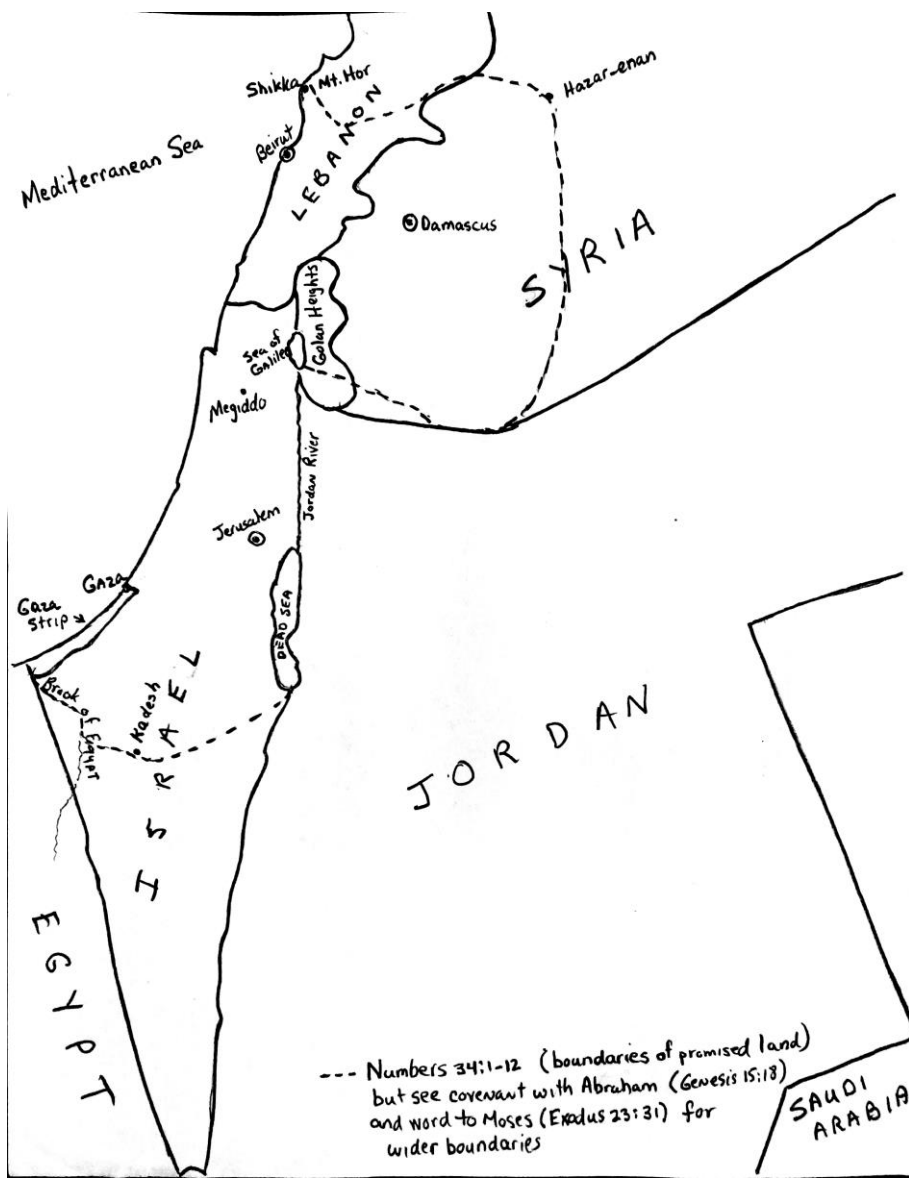
- The boundaries of the promised land given in Numbers 34:1-12 but the boundaries are extended in Ex 23:31 (see maps).
- Today the Promised land is occupied by Israel, Gaza, a corner of Syria, most of Lebanon, Jordan, part of Saudi Arabia, and ½ of Iraq.
- The promise of the land will be fulfilled when Jesus comes and lands on Mt. Zion.

E. Serving in the Promised Land

1. Jesus will reign for _____ years (Rev 20:4) ruling the nations with a rod of iron (Rev 19:15).
2. The battle of Armageddon only kills the m_____ might of the world. All other unbelievers are spared. And S_____ is bound for 1000 years so he cannot deceive the world.
3. Believers will have two roles in this 1000 year reign (20:6)
 - R_____ with Christ over the world of unbelievers (see also Rev 20:4 with 2:26)
 - Be p_____ of God and Christ to the world of unbelievers.

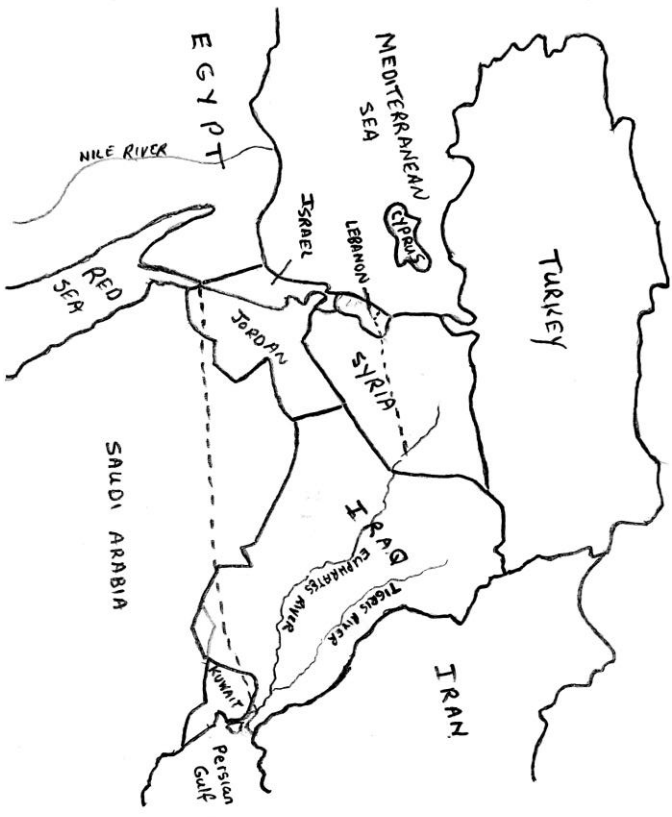
Conclusion:

Personalize Rev 20:6. *Blessed and holy am I who has a part in the first resurrection. Over me the second death holds no power, but I will be a priest of God and of Christ and I will reign with Him for 1000 years.*



--- Numbers 34:1-12 (boundaries of promised land)
 but see covenant with Abraham (Genesis 15:18)
 and word to Moses (Exodus 23:31) for
 wider boundaries

MODERN MAP OF THE
MIDDLE EAST



Are you promised the LAND?

- ① A descendant is defined as one to whom the Lord is God (Genesis 17:1-7)
- ② Only these are promised the Land (17:8)
- ③ Faith makes one a descendant of Abraham (Romans 9:7, 8; Gal 3:29)

Genesis 15:8 - "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates..."

Exodus 23:31 - "I will fix your boundary from the Red Sea to the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the River Euphrates..."